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Forrest Gump Pre-Viewing Homework

This film is set in America during the difficult times of the 1960s, when the country was fighting an unpopular war in Vietnam and minorities and women were fighting for their full rights as citizens.

Match these events from the 1960s with their descriptions:

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| 1. Segregation | _____ | 5. Richard M. Nixon | _____ |
| 2. Counter culture | _____ | 6. Watergate Scandal | _____ |
| 3. John F. Kennedy | _____ | 7. Elvis Presley | _____ |
| 4. Lyndon B. Johnson | _____ | 8. George Wallace | _____ |

- A. President of the US 1969 – 74. Pursued the war in Vietnam; forced out of office.
- B. President of the US 1961 - 63. Inspired America's youth with idealism.
- C. Became president when Kennedy was assassinated. Pursued the war in Vietnam.
- D. The policy of separating black and white children in the public schools
- E. An American icon; the King of Rock 'n' Roll music.
- F. Alabama Governor who tried to keep black students out of the state university.
- G. A series of events starting with a burglary that forced Nixon from office.
- H. A movement that arose in protest over the war in Vietnam, denial of civil rights to minorities and the dominant values of the 1950s and 1960s.

Briefly describe each of the main characters:

Forrest Gump

Mrs. Gump

Jenny Curran

Bubba Blue

Lieutenant Dan

***On the back of this sheet write a short (about 50 word) plot summary of the movie.
Note: do not use the synopsis in your textbook.***

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1. The movie begins and ends with a feather drifting on the breeze. Is this a good metaphor for Forrest Gump? Why or why not?
2. Jenny was part of the counter culture movement of the 1960s – 70s. What can you tell about the counter culture *from her part in the movie*? List at least two characteristics.
3. Why was Lt. Dan so angry at Forrest for saving his life?
4. This movie requires a lot of suspension of disbelief. Give at least three examples of things in the movie that are impossible or very unlikely in real life.
5. Would you like to be like Forrest Gump? Why or why not? (At least 50 words.)